

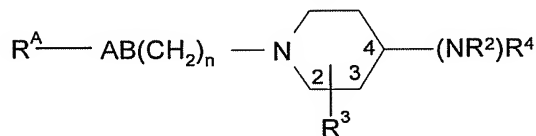
Amendments to the specification

- Before the 1st line of the application, please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a national stage entry of PCT/EP2003/006754, filed June 25, 2003 which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/391,710, filed June 26, 2002.

- In the abstract, after the first paragraph, please insert the following new paragraph:

The piperidine derivatives include compounds of formula (I):



(I)

wherein R^{A} , AB, n, R^3 , R^2 and R^4 are as defined herein. For example, R^{A} is an optionally substituted bicyclic carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring system, and R^4 is a group $\text{U}-\text{R}^5$ in which R^5 is an optionally substituted bicyclic heterocyclic ring system as defined herein (e.g. optionally substituted pyrido [3,2-b][1,4] thiazin-yl).